

WASHINGTON -- Congressman John Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$880,456 in federal housing grants to five organizations in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.

“This funding is desperately needed by housing advocates who work diligently on behalf of the homeless community in our region,” said Olver.

“Most importantly, the funds will help to improve the lives of those who are currently homeless by providing them with safe and stable housing.”

The grant recipients are as follows:

\$132,146 for Next Step sponsored by Human Resources Unlimited “	Westfield
\$77,768 for River Valley Counseling Center “	Holyoke
\$110,988 for Carmen Vasquez Apartments “	Holyoke
\$353,559 for Tri County Transition to Work sponsored by Center for	Human Development
\$205,995 for Silver Street Inn sponsored by ServiceNet - Greenfield	

The Supportive Housing Program assists homeless providers to acquire, build, renovate and operate housing for the homeless.

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